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DRIVING A WHEEL SHAFT WITH A TRANSVERSE SHAFT STRUCTURE

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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed March 2, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed June 4, 2004. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 16-30 are currently pending in the present application.

Claims 16-30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs.

Otherwise, Applicants respectfully traverse all claim rejections for the following reasons:

I. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 16-30 UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 16-30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first and second paragraphs for allegedly containing “a converter” which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the art, at the time the application was filed, that the inventor had possession of a “converter operable to convert at least one of the speed of the rotor into torque, and the torque of the rotor into speed,” and for allegedly being confusing (i.e., how the converter converts between torque and speed) Respectfully, Applicants traverse because such converter devices are well known within the art of motor design and, as such, need not be described with specificity within the Specification.